Timber Duties.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, REPORTED TO THE HONOURABLE HOUSE ON THE 14th AUGUST, 1835.

1. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the present mode of taking the Duties on Deals is susceptible of improvement, and that this Committee would recommend that a mode be adopted which shall approach more nearly to a payment according to the contents of the Deals.

2. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the difference of Duty of 45s. now imposed by Law upon Timber the produce of Europe, as compared with Timber the produce of our North American Colonies, is too great, and may be reduced.

3. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that, having a due regard to the interests which have been created in the British North-American Colonies by the system hitherto pursued, and to the representations of the Shipping Interest, a reduction of the protective Duty, not exceeding 15s. per load, appears to them to be a fair arrangement.

4. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that such reduction be made, so far as may be consistent with the interests of the Revenue, without any augmentation of the Duty on Colonial Timber.

5. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that, in any alteration made, such alteration should not affect the shipments made in the year 1836.

6. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that there should be an uniform mode of taking the Duty on Deals throughout the United Kingdom.

NORTH AMERICAN COLONIAL ASSOCIATION.

At a Special Meeting of the Committee, held at the Committee-Room, No. 11, *Leadenhall Street, on Tuesday, the* 18*th of August*, 1835,

ALEXANDER GILLESPIE, JUN. ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Read the Resolutions of the Select Committe on the Timber Duties, reported to the House of Commons on 14th inst.

Whereupon the following Resolutions were unanimously agreed to —

1. Resolved, That the prosperity of the British North-American Colonies, and their means of employing British Shipping, of paying for British Manufactures, and of affording support to Emigrants from the United Kingdom, are mainly dependant upon the Timber Trade.

2. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, the reduction proposed to be made in the protection at present afforded to Colonial Timber, will deprive the Colonies of that valuable trade, except to a comparatively small extent.

3. Resolved, That it is the duty of all parties interested in the prosperity of our North-American Colonies, to resist such alteration by all legitimate means in their power.

4. Resolved, That copies of these Resolutions be transmitted to the different Commercial Bodies and to influential individuals in the Colonies, and also to parties in the United Kingdom interested in the Colonial Trade, with an earnest request that they will co-operate with the United Shipping and Colonial Committee, in their opposition to the proposed Measure, by Petitions to both Houses of Parliament, and otherwise.

(Signed) ALEX. GILLESPIE, JUN.,
CHAIRMAN.